OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto **Senate Bill No. 956** because of the following objections:

Senate Bill No. 956 was intended to be a beneficial revision of the Texas insurance agent licensing laws. Late in the session, however, an unrelated amendment was added to the bill that relieves bail bondsmen from any liability on bond forfeitures for one year. This provision jeopardizes public safety by weakening the obligation of bondsmen to ensure criminal defendants appear in court.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 1999.

George W. Bush Governor of Texas

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